



"The City With a Heart"

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**MINUTES**  
**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**September 11, 2014**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**Meeting location: 567 El Camino Real, Conference Room 101, San Bruno**

Welcome members of the public. If you would like to speak on an item that is listed on the agenda, you may do so upon receiving recognition from the Committee Chair. If you would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda, you may do so during item 3, Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda. As required by State Law, the Committee cannot take action on issues raised under item 3. Any such issues will be referred to staff or scheduled for a future meeting. Thank you for your interest.

**1. CALL to ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Present:

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The members welcomed new committee member Matt Jones.

**2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes made by DN, second by WB. Motion passed (6-0-0)

**APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes made by DN, second by CR. Motion passed (5-0-1)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**4. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- a. Pedestrian Crossing at Tanforan: LR introduced two documents in reference to a small grant received by San Bruno in 2008 for a study of pedestrian crossing near Tanforan Shopping Center. The final report of the study is being provided to the Committee for review. The study lays out various recommendations, one of which has been implemented: the recommended improvements to Commodore Drive have been completed, as well as some smaller recommendations. The pedestrian bridge options are also discussed in this study, but there was not a detailed analysis included.

LR stated an excerpt from the Committee's most recent grant application in June 2014, which the City was not awarded, included a study called the "pedestrian and bicycle circulation movement and potential improvements" to study all of the options, which included a possible pedestrian bridge over El Camino Real. The City Council has recommended re-introducing this topic for review. LR stated the staff is now studying the reality of pedestrian movement with the establishment of BART and Caltrain at this location. This also includes applicable copies of the City's General Plan adopted policy, which includes a "pedestrian plan" or "pedestrian connection" but does not necessarily have to be a pedestrian bridge.

DN said one main reason this item was proposed was to provide access to the Veteran's Administration offices, especially for those residents with accessibility issues.

LR stated funding a major pedestrian project such as this would take funding from many sources to complete.

JT asked why the wording does not use the word "bicycle" in the plan.

LR responded that this section of the plan applies to pedestrians.

LR stated the City's Complete Streets Policy is also included for review, which was approved by the City Council. The Navy Site Development Specific Plan is also included, which includes the Commodore Drive intersection for pedestrian accessibility and a specific plan for a potential pedestrian overpass as part of the development. This is the only policy document where a pedestrian bridge is specifically noted and is from 2001. The role of the Committee at this time is to review the documents and the location in its current development, make comments and pass the information onto the Council for review. There is a proposed hotel site that is going forward in development.

WB asked if the hotel developer will be informed of the proposed pedestrian bridge and if they could be required to develop this.

LR stated the information can be forwarded through City staff with specific objectives and criteria from the Committee.

RB stated he would like to see not only a pedestrian crossing included but also a bicycle aspect as well.

WB stated the proposed use of connecting a hotel to Tanforan Shopping Center would mean that bicycle usage probably will not be a priority over pedestrians, especially when requiring a large monetary commitment.

RB stated making a bigger crossing would be better and would encourage more use by both pedestrians and bicyclists.

CR stated there will also be employees at the hotel and other businesses, so this may encourage less driving to work. Bicycling from BART would be a good option.

JT stated the City should include in the condition of approval an easement for a bicycle path to run from Cherry Avenue to Commodore Drive and the new hotel development.

DN asked if LR has enough information to move forward with the Committee's feedback.

LR stated the negotiations for this development are almost complete, so the inclusion of the recommendation for a pedestrian bridge is critical along with the potential for bicycle usage. The connection of significant land usage, not just for the hotel to the mall, is the key wording to emphasize.

JT stated the wording "condition of sale" should be included so this is a negotiating tool.

DN stated there may be negotiations with the Parks Division as well so we do not want to limit one development over another.

LR clarified the hotel developer is not going to build the pedestrian bridge.

CR stated the wording "condition of sale" seems strong, "consideration of sale" might be a better description.

LR will forward the recommendations to City staff and come back to the Committee with a report on the development at the next meeting.

- b. Installation of Crosswalk at Bayhill Shopping Center: JC stated this is an update on an item was brought to the Committee through the Walmart Human Resources Department at 850 Cherry Avenue. The "yield to pedestrians" sign that was recently installed at this location via the recommendation from the TSPC (Traffic Safety and Parking Committee) and City staff is not entirely visible to drivers, so a recommendation to move the sign is being reviewed to enhance pedestrian safety.

RB asked about the installation of a flashing lighted crosswalk.

JC stated they are a maintenance challenge and very costly to install, usually between \$50,000 to \$70,000. Flashing beacons are another option.

JT stated there is an existing crosswalk on Cherry Avenue near Pasta Pomodoro. There should also be a crosswalk near the Carl's Jr. northern side of the Bayhill Shopping Center.

MJ stated pedestrians will not walk that far to use a crosswalk.

DN stated the crosswalk should be placed on the north side of Cherry to allow drivers more time to see pedestrians.

JC concurred that a crosswalk near the San Bruno Avenue/Cherry intersection would also cause traffic congestion, as this is a major thoroughfare during commute hours.

MJ asked if signage advising pedestrians to watch for cars would be an option.

RB agreed that pedestrians also have safety responsibilities.

CR asked about installation of rumble dots.

JC stated those are usually installed for speeding concerns, not visibility issues.

JC stated the City Council adopted a traffic calming tool kit in 2010 and what is currently installed there now is considered “high visibility” according to the tool kit, but there are other options that can be explored. It would also require the feedback of the TSPC and perhaps the City Council. Before that stage, a study needs to be performed to warrant the work. The concerns should also be clarified.

LR stated the two major safety concerns are the left turn out of the Bayhill Shopping Center onto Cherry and traffic on southbound Cherry, as pedestrians are traveling from the Walmart side to Bayhill Shopping Center and traffic cannot see them due to the road width, angle and landscaping.

MJ stated pedestrians entering the northbound crosswalk need to look left when first and then look right when at the median.

DN agreed that too many pedestrians are talking in groups or looking at cell phones when crossing the street, so pedestrian awareness signage would be beneficial.

RB stated the most effective tool would be flashing lights when pedestrians are crossing.

WB stated he has seen barriers installed to prevent pedestrians from crossing at unsafe locations.

MJ suggested lights with a button activated system, especially for crossing at night.

LR confirmed the two areas of highest pedestrian concern are the left turn out of the shopping center and traffic southbound on Cherry with visibility at the crosswalk. At this time it is reasonable to refer this back to staff to review moving signage and developing further options for safety enhancement and visibility. It will then be referred to the TSPC for review.

DN asked if the crosswalk can be painted a brighter color.

JC stated the color of pedestrian crosswalks would need to follow MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices) standards. Placement of signage and additional signage for pedestrian awareness can be explored, as well as lighting options.

RB confirmed that Joseph will be working on this item and will return to the Committee with his findings.

c. Subcommittee Updates:

Outreach Subcommittee: JT stated a blog or a website would be beneficial for people to access information about bike trails and other data, as well as sharing opinions. Funding would be an issue.

LR stated there are a large number of organizations that have public outreach components as part of their services. This seems like this would be beyond the scope of this Committee's outreach plan considering our resources and no budget, but might be appropriate for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

DN stated the person to person contact makes a difference. Distribution to the schools could also be effective.

MJ asked about the method used for previous surveys and what was done with the findings.

RB stated one survey was utilized at the Posy Parade this past year for bicycle and pedestrian frequency and resident feedback. The findings were shared with the BPAC Committee.

LR stated a goal for the Committee this year is to gather more public feedback.

MJ asked if the San Bruno website lists contact information and if there is a way to add information.

LR responded that the information listed is limited and it is maintained by her.

DN stated a good resident questionnaire could be included in the City newsletter.

LR stated the Committee must establish the information that is desired from the public; what questions do you want to ask and for what purpose. Then the mechanism to get the information can be established.

RB asked if any Committee members would like to participate in a sub-committee to develop questions for the survey. DN and JT volunteered.

Bicycle Safety: WB stated there has not been recent activity with the schools as they are just back in session. He and DN plan on doing at least one safety presentation this year at one of the San Bruno schools.

Crestmoor Canyon Trails: LR stated she is coordinating a meeting with the sub-committee and Crestmoor Reconstruction Project manager Harry Burrowes. The sub-committee includes RB, CR, and HM.

HM asked how the rebuilding of Crestmoor has progressed.

LR stated the City is now meeting about the development of the park in the Crestmoor neighborhood. There are 3 properties at the edge of the former park that are going into the design phase for a public park space. This should take several months to get underway as staff just met today to start this phase. The City's website has updates on the infrastructure progress. Potential improvements to the trail system are on the list of possible funding, so the meeting with Harry will clarify this.

Street Conditions: JT stated he rode his bike along the entire Transit Corridor route and San Bruno Avenue is very dangerous for bicyclists. Walnut Street is also not rider friendly. Three particularly dangerous areas for bicyclists are on Huntington at San Mateo Avenue at the Grade Separation, at San Bruno Avenue at Huntington and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue where it runs across 101. These streets need to be reconfigured to include

bike lanes because the resident density is going up. Adding vehicle lanes just means more cars. If Measure N passes, this needs to be addressed.

LR stated the Transit Corridor Plan includes a detailed analysis of those sections and includes similar recommendations to JT's comments. Additional studies need to be performed in order to implement the recommendations. Many years ago the City tried to reduce the vehicle travel lanes on San Bruno Avenue and it was not successful. Adding center turn lanes creates a relatively close distance between the cross streets, which leaves very little room for the vehicles using the turning lane. Traffic engineering analysis has been performed and an additional study is part of the Transit Corridor Plan. Huntington improvements should be approved but San Bruno Avenue may be more challenging.

WB stated the exit from Bayhill to San Bruno Avenue is missing the stop sign. It needs to be replaced. There is a left turn on San Bruno Avenue beyond Livingston Terrace needs stubs in the street to designate the travel lane to keep vehicles from sticking out in traffic while waiting to make the turn. There is a hazardous drain in the bike lane near this location that causes bicyclists to swerve into traffic.

WB asked for an update on the proposed crosswalk on College Drive at Skyline Blvd. where the water pump station is being installed.

JC responded that there are existing utilities at that corner that belong to Caltrans and will have to be relocated. It will require Caltrans permission and will be a separate project from the pump station project. The City applied for a grant for this and it was not awarded.

RB stated the section of Skyline Blvd. between Sneath Lane and San Bruno Avenue heading south has a lot of gravel and glass debris along the shoulder that makes bicycle travel dangerous.

JC responded Caltrans is responsible for sweeping this area. He will contact them.

Public Service Announcements: RB stated as outreach questions come up, they can be placed on San Bruno Cable to increase public awareness.

MJ asked if the previous PSA's are available in a digital format.

LR stated they are available and can be placed online, but the City is currently updating their website. Currently, YouTube links are available and the BPAC page can be an interactive page when the website is updated.

- d. Future Agenda Items: LR stated the meeting's recommendations will be forwarded to the City Department heads and the City Manager's office for feedback at the next meeting.
- e. Calendar Check: Next meeting will be November 12, 2014.
- f. JT stated C/CAG currently has about \$400,000 available for funding City projects and applications are due in January.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

